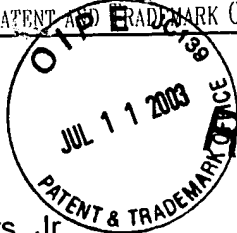




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This is a decision on the February 25, 2002 petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.10(c) requesting that the above-identified application be accorded a filing date of June 25, 2001 rather than the presently accorded filing date of June 26, 2001.

Petitioner alleges that the application was deposited in Express Mail service on June 25, 2001. In support, the petition is accompanied by a copy of Express Mail receipt no. EL849655147US (the same Express Mail number found on the original application papers located in the official file) showing a "date in" of June 25, 2001.

In view of the above, *this petition is granted.*

This application will be returned to Initial Patent Examination Division for correction of the filing date to June 25, 2001.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned in the Office of Petitions at (703) 306-5593.

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